

Appl. Serial No. 10/657,800
Reply to the Office Action of 10/05/2007
Reply dated: 02/05/2008

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of October 5, 2007, the Applicant submits this Reply. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration is requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-15 were rejected. The Examiner does not address claims 16-21.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1 and 9 were rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 4 and 8 of U.S. Patent No. 5,930,445. The applicant submits in the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

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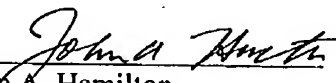
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this reply, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, please charge any fee to **Deposit Account No. 50-0876**.

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